

# Regular Meeting

<b>Agenda Item #</b>	1
<b>Meeting Date</b>	November 26, 2007
<b>Prepared By</b>	Barbara B. Matthews City Manager
<b>Approved By</b>	

<b>Discussion Item</b>	Resolution Recognizing Former Ward 1 Councilmember Joy Austin-Lane
<b>Background</b>	Joy Austin-Lane was elected to the Takoma Park City Council in November 2001. She did not seek re-election in the fall of 2007 and left office on November 19, 2007.
<b>Policy</b>	The Council may adopt resolutions to recognize individuals who have contributed to the Takoma Park community.
<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	None
<b>Attachments</b>	Draft resolution recognizing former Ward 1 Councilmember Joy Austin-Lane
<b>Recommendation</b>	Staff recommends that the Council adopt the attached resolution.
<b>Special Consideration</b>	

Introduced by:

**Resolution 2007-  
Recognizing Former Ward 1 Councilmember Joy Austin-Lane**

- WHEREAS, Joy Austin-Lane was elected to the Takoma Park City Council in November 2001 as the representative for Ward 1; and,
- WHEREAS, in her six years on the Takoma Park City Council, Councilmember Austin-Lane energetically worked for the betterment of Ward 1, actively seeking the input of her constituents on numerous policy matters; and,
- WHEREAS, throughout her tenure, Councilmember Austin-Lane was an enthusiastic supporter of the arts, advocating for the formation of the City's Arts and Humanities Commission and promoting the creation of an Executive Director position for the Takoma Park Film Festival, including initial City funding for the position; and,
- WHEREAS, during her tenure, Councilmember Austin-Lane was a strong voice on pedestrian safety issues and advocated for a formal committee to address these matters, resulting in the formation of the Safe Roadways Committee; and,
- WHEREAS, Councilmember Austin-Lane actively supported the designation of a portion of the City as a Main Street community and advocated for operational funding by the City in pursuit of the area's continued economic vitality; and,
- WHEREAS, during her tenure on the City Council, Councilmember Austin-Lane strongly supported establishment of a skate park in the City of Takoma Park to provide recreational opportunities for area youth; and,
- WHEREAS, Councilmember Austin-Lane also worked to make sure that those residing near Montgomery College had a voice relative to the future development of the College, leading to the formation of the Montgomery College Neighbors Advisory Committee; and,
- WHEREAS, during her tenure, Councilmember Austin-Lane worked diligently to protect transportation access at the Takoma Metro site; and,
- WHEREAS, Councilmember Austin-Lane was a strong proponent of cross-jurisdictional collaboration with the District of Columbia on numerous issues; and,
- WHEREAS, Councilmember Austin-Lane decided not to seek re-election in the fall of 2007 and left office on November 19, 2007.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND hereby recognizes the contributions that Councilmember Joy Austin-Lane has made to the City of Takoma Park during her six years of service on the Takoma Park City Council.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of November, 2007.

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Bruce R. Williams  
Mayor